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1. It was learned that the former CofS of General Kusnetsov and his wife departed with their luggage from Jueterbog (N 52/E 69) for the Soviet Union on 27 December 1949.
2. This journey is allegedly connected with an extensive exchange of the officers stationed in the Soviet Zone of Germany. Of a staff in Jueterbog, Maj Liebermann, medical officer of the unit, was the only member of the old officer corps to remain.
3. The officers who arrived in Jueterbog from the Soviet Union as replacements came without families although some of them were married. The newcomers allegedly included officers who had previously been in Jueterbog but had been attending a political school in the Soviet Union. Several officers stated that they expected to be transferred to the Far East, allegedly China.

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Comment :

a. Report appears credible. From a letter secured in Doeberitz on 10 January 1950 * it was learned that 50 percent of the officer corps of the 33rd Gds Mtz Rifle Regt in Pasewalk were exchanged. These observations are in agreement with another report, according to which all the married officers and NCOs who had been stationed in the Soviet Zone of Germany since 1945/1946 were to be transferred to the Soviet Union by January 1950.

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b. The increased return of Soviet dependents from all districts of the zone observed since the Fall of 1949 may be considered as a confirmation of the correctness of this report.



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